

# Some new synonymies in the genus *Aelia* (Heteroptera: Pentatomidae)

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The following new synonymies are established: *Aelia acuminata* (Linnaeus, 1758) = *Ae. baluchistanensis* Ahmad & Zaidi, 1988; *Aelia klugii* Hahn, 1833 = *Ae. bifida* Hsiao & Cheng, 1977 = *Ae. chinensis* Rider & Rolston, 1995.

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The paper deals with two species described from Pakistan and China, respectively. Both names proved to be junior synonyms referring to widely distributed Palaearctic species.

## ***Aelia acuminata* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

*Cimex acuminatus* Linnaeus, 1758: 446. Syntype(s): Europe; Natural History Museum, London?  
*Aelia baluchistanensis* Ahmad & Zaidi, 1988: 457, **syn. n.**  
Holotype: ♂, Pakistan, Baluchistan, Keranir Quetta; Natural History Museum, University of Karachi.

The original description and the figure of the male genital segment show clearly that *Ae. baluchistanensis* is synonymous with *Ae. acuminata*, a widely distributed Palaearctic species recorded from countries adjacent to Pakistan (Afghanistan, Tajikistan).

## ***Aelia klugii* Hahn, 1833**

*Aelia klugii* Hahn, 1833: 122. Syntype(s): Germany; lost.  
*Aelia bifida* Hsiao & Cheng in Hsiao et al., 1977: 136  
(junior primary homonym of *Aelia bifida* A. Costa, 1847), **syn. n.** Lectotype (Hsiao & Cheng, 1978: 327, 328, as "holotype"): ♂, China, Sichuan, Ruo-er-gai County, Da-za-shi; Nankai University, Tianjin.  
*Aelia chinensis* Rider & Rolston, 1995: 846, **syn. n.** New replacement name for *Aelia bifida* Hsiao & Cheng, 1977.

The original description of *Ae. bifida* Hsiao & Cheng fits this variable and widely distributed Palaearctic species recorded from China previously.

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